

TRI-COUNTY TRAIL COMMISSION



Meeting minutes of Thursday, June 21, 2018
Lafayette County Multi-Purpose Building

Present: Committee members – Heimann, Wolfe, Schilling and Bartels of Lafayette County and Blumer, Torkelson and Winters from Green County. Ross from Iowa County was absent. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Heimann at 7 PM and he asked if the meeting was properly posted. Tom Jean verified the meeting was posted at the Green, Lafayette and Iowa County Courthouses, Darlington Municipal Building, the Lafayette County Highway Dept. and on the website. Mr. Heimann declared this to be a properly posted legal meeting with enough members present to constitute a quorum.

A motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Bartels and the motion carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the May 24 meeting was made by Mr. Schilling and seconded by Mr. Bartels. The motion carried.

Discussion and update on the status of the DNR grant funding for the projects along the Cheese Country Trail: Tom is continuing to work with FEMA representatives to secure some funding for repair work and addition of base materials to areas of the trail that were affected by the July 19-23, 2017 flooding. It appears that we will receive 75% of the \$42,000 that we have submitted or around \$31,500.

Tom has submitted all of the applications for the 18-19 Snow and ATV/UTV funding and is waiting for the State agreements to come back. He will have to sign them and return them to the DNR as soon as they are received.

Tom and Deb explained to the new committee members how the DNR funding is acquired and how much money we have to maintain the trail system. They also explained who is responsible for the maintenance of the Cheese Country Trail.

Discussion and update on general maintenance/signage or encroachment issues along the Cheese Country Trail: Lee has turned in bills for the 2017-2018 maintenance season and expects to have new signs and posts installed by later this fall. Some of the invoices that were turned in are for sign posts and materials.

Trail Update – Local ATV & Snowmobile Clubs: All of the local snowmobile clubs have either used their 17-18 maintenance funds or relinquished them to the ATV clubs for use on the trail.

Legislative update: The DNR would like to know about Winter ATV usage along the trail. If we would decide to open the trail for Winter use, there could be additional maintenance money available.

Public comment: A Boy Scout from Monroe, Liam Kivirist, is interested in helping update the Tri County Trails website with the use of drone aerial imagery. He is proposing his services for an Eagle Scout project and needs the approval of this committee to be able to proceed and present his idea to the Monroe Boy Scout Council. Following some discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Schilling and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve this project and have Tom contact him regarding this. The motion carried.

Fencing Request: None.

Status of Funds: Tom presented the current Status of Funds. The current balance of snowmobile funds showed the T-Riders having spent \$2,500 thus far and the record shows that they have not. Their balance will be corrected showing

\$7,500 in their maintenance allotment. A motion was made by Mr. Bartels and seconded by Mr. Wolfe to approve the balances with the correction noted. The motion carried.

Vouchers: Vouchers presented for payment included \$26,349.72 from Tri County ATV Club for gravel, tree removal, mowing, drainage, sign posts and labor. T-Riders presented invoices totaling \$7,500 for trail maintenance and grooming, and Fayette Sno Goers added another \$344.00 for a total of \$34,193.72. A motion was made by Schilling and seconded by Blumer to approve the vouchers and the motion carried.

Next meeting is scheduled for July 26 at the pavilion in Calamine for our annual summer picnic.

Submitted: 7/23/18